About the Tamarack Nature Preserve
This 169-acre preserve contains a bog-like “rich fen” formed during the last glacial retreat over 10,000 years ago. Visit this remnant of Minnesota’s southernmost tamarack swamp to see plant communities once widespread in pre-settlement days. Walk the perimeter trails. Cross the fen on boardwalks.

Trail Highlights
Preserve Trail
Rolling Terrain • Mostly Paved • Stairs
Open views from the developed perimeter. Watch for floating hummocks in the cattail marsh. Look for migratory & resident birds including wood ducks that have used the installed nesting boxes.

Flood Plain Forest Trail
Rolling Terrain • Rustic • Seasonally maintained
Enjoy a rustic walk through the woods. Short sections may be wet.

Sedge Boardwalk
Flat • Boardwalk • Handicap accessible
Keep your feet dry while crossing the wetland. Spot tamarack trees growing out of mounding hummocks.

Fen Boardwalk
Flat • Boardwalk • Rustic
Cross the fen to spot the dozens of unique plants identified in iNaturalist.

More resources to explore
• Identify migratory and resident birds using the eBird app. Over 100 species are listed on the eBird Field Checklist for the Tamarack Nature Preserve

• Identify the unique plants. Use iNaturalist to find locations and identities of plants recorded in the app’s “Tamarack Nature Preserve in Woodbury, Minnesota” project.

• Protect the Preserve! Untreated stormwater run-off carries sediment and excess nutrients from grass clippings, pet waste and leaf litter into the Preserve. The nutrients enable the non-native plants to outgrow and crowd-out slower growing species like the tamarack tree. To protect the Preserve, the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District installed two treatment ponds along Woodpark Blvd. These look like ponds with a brick bottom. Water can soak into the ground, but the bricks provide enough to support for equipment to clear out the accumulated sediment.

• To learn more about the Preserve, visit tamaracknaturepreserve.org

• Tour the Preserve virtually.